

Appendix J. Scenery Integrity Objectives Mitigation Measures

Treatment Type	Thinning, Release, & Midstory		Woodland Restoration		ESFH & Daylighting		Canopy Gap Thin & Canopy Gap	
	High	Mod	High	Mod	High	Mod	High	Mod
SCENIC INTEGRITY								
A. Trees are selectively removed to improve scenery within high use areas, vista points, and along interpretive trails.	X		X					
B. Flowering and other visually attractive trees and understory shrubs are favored when leaving vegetation.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
C. During temporary or permanent road construction, slash and root wads are eliminated or removed from view in the immediate foreground to the extent possible. Slash may be aligned parallel to roads at the base of fill slopes to collect silt, but only to the extent it provides this function.	X		X					
D. Slash is removed, burned, chipped or lopped to within an average of 2 feet of ground, when visible within 100 feet on either side of Concern Level 1 travel routes. Slash is treated to within an average of 4 feet of the ground when visible within 100 feet on either side of Concern Level 2 travel routes.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
E. Root wads and other unnecessary debris are removed or placed out of sight within 150 feet of key viewing points.	X	X	X	X	X	X		
F. Stems are cut to within 6 inches of the ground in the immediate foreground.	X		X				X	
G. Leave tree or unit marking is applied so as to not be visible within 100 feet of Concern Level 1 and 2 travel routes.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
H. Consider scheduling work outside of major recreation seasons.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
I. Special road and landing design is used. When possible, log landings, roads and bladed skid trails are located out of view to avoid bare mineral soil observation from Concern Level 1 and 2 travel routes.	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
J. An actual opening size up to 1.5 - 2 acres is appropriate, based on desired landscape character.							X	
K. An actual opening size up to 5 acres is appropriate, based on undesired landscape character.								
L. An actual opening size up to 10 acres is appropriate in the foreground zone and 25 acres in middleground and background zone in Concern Level 1 and 2 travel routes.					X			
M. An actual opening size up to 25 acres with inclusions is appropriate.					X	X		
N. An actual opening size up to 40 acres with inclusions is appropriate. Larger openings are allowed in certain forest types based on specific Forest Plan direction.								

O. Along Concern Level 1 and 2 travel routes, openings should be spaced at a minimum of 1000 feet apart next to the travelway.					X	X		
P. Along Concern Level 1 travel routes, openings of up to 200 linear feet are appropriate. Along Concern Level 2 travel routes, openings of up to 400 linear feet are appropriate.						X		
Q. Removal of overstory is delayed until understory is 10 feet in height.								
R. Utility rights-of-ways are located and maintained to conform with natural-appearing patterns of vegetation to the extent possible.								
S. Overhead utility lines and support towers are screened where possible. Structures have finishes that reduce contrast with the desired landscape character.								
T. The visual impact of roads and constructed fire lines is blended so that they remain subordinate to the existing landscape character in size, form, line, color, and texture.	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
U. Gravel pits and borrow areas are excluded from seen area of visually sensitive travelways and viewing points to the extent possible.			X	X				X
V. Openings are shaped and oriented to contours and existing vegetation patterns to blend with existing landscape characteristics. Edges are shaped and/or feathered where appropriate. No geometric shapes are used.	X	X		X		X	X	X
W. Cut and fill slopes are revegetated to the extent possible.	X	X	X	X		X		X
X. Mowing or bush hogging is accomplished prior to herbicide treatment.								
Y. Provide a range of stem diameters but favor 14 inch and larger stems in a mixture with other smaller sized tree stems.	X		X					
Z. Introduce or favor native wildflowers and/or shrubs and/or trees with showy flowers and/or fruits.								
AA. Impacts to forest trails will be minimized. Trail-related mitigations can include all or portions of the following: temporary road and/or skid trail crossings across designated Forest trails should be kept to a minimum. Any crossings should be perpendicular to designated Forest trails. Using segments of designated forest trails as skid trails/haul roads should be avoided, if possible. If trails are used as skid trails/haul roads, specify trail cleanup/rehabilitation at the end of the contract. Trail width should not be increased. Retain character trees and trees that define the trail corridor. Minimize changes to trail alignment and surfacing; do not straighten the trail or change its surface unless alternate material will enhance trail and protect resource. Place warning signs on all trail access points and along the trail where activities are occurring. When activities are occurring along open trails, treat slash within 100' of the corridor daily.	X	X	X	X		X		